



St Antony's  
Roman Catholic School

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28<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear parents and carers,

As you will be aware the NEU have announced more strike days on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July as part of their long running dispute with the government over various issues including pay, funding, workload, inspection and accountability.

Therefore, this will again cause more disruption to our pupils and your family – and for this we are very sorry.

This means that on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, **we will partially close for all pupils except for all pupils we know are vulnerable in all year groups plus all looked after children, children with a social worker and children with an EHCP.** For these pupils we will be able to provide supervision in school should parents wish to send them in and pupils will spend the day consolidating learning and accessing various online learning packages. We will contact parents and carers in the next day or so to confirm that your child fits into this category and is able to come in to school on the strike days. If you do not hear from us by lunchtime on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and your child is in Y7, Y8, Y9 or Y10, then your child is to remain at home on the strike days.

Sadly, the impact of the strike action means the Y10 visit to Loreto college and the Y8 Humanities and RE trip to Liverpool scheduled to take place next week will not go ahead and will have to be rearranged for a later date.

For most pupils in Y7, Y8, Y9 and Y10 who do not come in to school, they are encouraged to use the various online packages to consolidate their prior learning (e.g. such as using Bedrock, DrFrostMaths, SENECA, BBC bitesize, Oak Academy etc). The curriculum tab on our website has information about the topics that pupils have been learning in this half term in their various subjects and they can use this to help guide their studies if they wish.

If your child is not due in school on the strike day, but does receive free school meals normally, we will, like the previous strike days, provide a supermarket voucher and inform you via text. For pupils that come into school on the strike day, food will be served in the usual way in our canteen.

I do hope the government and the unions settle their dispute as soon as possible so we can get back to delivering for your children without the regular interruptions that the strike action causes.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Yours sincerely

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